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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please enter the following amendment before calculating the fees.

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, lines 16-18, please replace the paragraph with the following:

This patent application is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/454,753 filed December 6, 1999, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/111,334 filed December 7, 1998.

Please amend the claims as follows. Claims that are not amended are reiterated for the Examiner's convenience.

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1. (Reiterated) A composition comprising an isolated, adult *Taenia solium* excretory/secretory polypeptide.
 2. (Amended) The composition of Claim 1 wherein the polypeptide has a molecular weight of approximately 33 kDa, 38 kDa, or 42 kDa, as determined by SDS-PAGE analysis.
 3. (Amended) The composition of Claim 1 wherein the polypeptide has a molecular weight of approximately 32.7 kDa, 37.8 kDa, or 42.1 kDa, as determined by SDS-PAGE analysis.